had allowed 15% rebate on House Tax to the commercial properties upto 31st October, 2004.

(b) and (c) Owners of commercial properties who have paid House Tax claiming 5% rebate for timely payment for the year 2004-2005, are also entitled of 15% rebate for timely payment announced later on. Excess amount thus arrived, will either be refunded or adjusted in the tax for the year 2005-2006.

Handling of cases under IT Act by D.P.

231. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police still remain unequipped to handle cases under the IT Act; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has intimated that it is fully equipped to deal with the cases under Information Technology Act, 2000. It has conducted nine courses in which 215 personnel of various ranks have been imparted training to deal with such cases. The Department of Information Technology has also conducted training programmes in which 50 personnel of Delhi Police have been trained in the use of Cyber Forensic Tools for conducting investigation of the crime under the Information Technology Act. A Cyber Cell is already under operation and creation of a Cyber Forensic Laboratory has recently been approved.

Incidents of Theft from residence of MPs and Bureaucrats

232. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large cases of burglaries and car theft involving properties of MPs and senior bureaucrats in Delhi have been reported during last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many cases have been solved and culprits brought to book; and

(d) the steps being taken to protect properties of MPs and senior bureaucrats without sacrificing the protection of common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given below:

Year	Crime Head	Number of cases reported	Number of cases solved	Number of persons arrested
2004	Burglary	9	1	9
	Car theft	1	0	0
2005 (upto 31st January)	Burglary	2	0	0
	Car theft	0	0	0

(d) The following steps have been taken by Delhi Police to protect the properties of Members of Parliament and senior bureaucrats:

(i) In addition to one Sub-Inspector, four Head Constables and 16 Constables already deployed in South Avenue, one Section of outside force has been deployed in the area for patrolling;

(ii) Back lanes have been secured by using mobile barricades;

(iii) Entry and exit points are beng limited to ensure better access control of the area;

(iv) The police personnel deployed in the area have been briefed;

(v) House to house verification in servant quarters and garages has been restarted;

(vi) The contractor of the Central Public Works Department has been asked to remove his labour from the area and to bring them in the morning and take them back in the evening; and

(vii) Movement of vendors and howkers in the area has been curtailed;

(viii) Delhi Police has discussed the matter with the House Committee and suggested upgradation and creation of physical structures including improvements in gates, separation of vehicle and pedestrian entry, door-phone system, placing iron shutters on the rear entry and increasing the height of boundary wall in some locations.

Foreign nationals in Assam

233. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: